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Bridgeport Senator Found Out That No One Else Had Done So and He Was Taking No Chances.

Senator Manwaring of this city introduced the public utilities measure into the Senate yesterday after he had ascertained that the bill had not previously been offered. It was stated yesterday in this newspaper that Senator Penn introduced the bill. This information was based upon what Senator Penn himself said. Subsequently, however, it appears that Senator Penn gave the bill to a member of the House for the purpose of having the bill go into that body. Having ascertained that the bill was not to be offered in the Senate, Senator Manwaring got busy and securing a copy of the measure advocated by the special commission raised by the legislature of two years ago introduced it himself.

DIED

WELLS—In Stratford, Conn., Feb. 12, 1909, Edward M. Wells, aged 46 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at Church of the Redeemer, on Monday, Feb. 15th, at 2:30 p. m. Kindly omit flowers. Burial in Union cemetery.

HERSAM—In this city, Feb. 12, 1909, Mary Irene, wife of Frederick F. HERSAM, aged 42 years, 10 months, 10 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 149 Whitney avenue, on Monday, Feb. 15, at 8:30 a. m. and from St. Patrick's church at 9 a. m. with solemn high mass. B 12 b.

LINDLEY—In this city, Feb. 11, 1909, Eveline Lindley, widow of Charles E. Lindley, aged 71 years, 11 months, 12 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Baker, No. 269 Barnum avenue, on Saturday, 13th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

JARRITT—In this city, Feb. 12, 1909, Mary, widow of the late John Jarritt.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Andrews, 1421 Main street, on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2:30 p. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

WILL—Entered into rest, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1909, Jennie E. wife of William H. Campbell, at the residence of her parents, 52 George street, in the 32nd year of her age.

Funeral service will be held at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Glenn, 52 George street, on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2:30 p. m.

Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

LINCOLN—In Winsted, Feb. 9, Sara Newton, widow of C. Dexter Lincoln.

SATERS—In Greenwich, Feb. 7, William Saters, aged 40 years.

HALL—In Winsted, Feb. 8, Elliphalet L. Hall, aged 66 years.

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LINCOLN'S GREATNESS, PATIENCE AND LOVE TOLD IN VIVID RECOLLECTIONS OF F.W. SMITH

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much curiosity to see him and hear him. He delivered the Cooper Union speech, which echoed and re-echoed by heart. He was a man who was certain to attract attention. As he arose to begin his speech he seemed to have a long time to get ready. This was the impression produced by his great stature and the gauntness of his form. He was smooth faced. As he talked his countenance became illumined. There was something in him that passed from him and affected the attitude of his listeners toward him. "Some men are like that, you know," continued the speaker. "Sometimes this quality in men is called magnetism. In Mr. Lincoln magnetism was the presence of a moral quality, which made you unable to quarrel with him, even though you were in his hands. He was utterly free from the spirit of belligerence."

"I wish that I were able to compare Mr. Lincoln as a speaker with Mr. Bryan. But that I cannot do. I have never heard Mr. Bryan. I imagine that his voice is much greater in volume, and his manner more oratorical. Mr. Lincoln's style was just as if he were talking the intimate facts of his knowledge to his fellow townsmen. He used simple words. His effort was to lead you by reason, and the impulse of his moral nature to agree with him. If you accepted his premises you had to agree with him. His conclusions were then inexorable. His speech was not then overcharged with maxims. It was a plain talk and a plain argument, which you had to study over a long time before you realized its profundity. He certainly made a great impression on us all with that speech."

"He must have been tired, too. He was just returning from a laborious trip through the State. He had made a speech in Massachusetts, one in New Hampshire, and I think he had visited Vermont."

"When I met him again he was president. On this occasion I was sent by my fellow citizens from Bridgeport upon a mission. The people of this congressional district were dissatisfied with the policy of the office of provost marshal was administered."

"You know," he said, in explanation, "that during the war the country was divided into military districts. Each district had a provost marshal who had charge of the enlistment of men, the duty of providing a certain quota for the army, and other important functions to perform. All of these officers were under Provost General Frye. The Provost Marshal for this district was, I am afraid, a mistake. He was a man of differences across between General Frye and Provost Marshal Dunham. He was displaced and a Hartford man was sent here to take his place. It was thought by many that such a change was a protegee of the provost general. Moreover it was thought that we were entitled to a man who lived in the district. The provost marshal had charge of the drafts, and also of the acceptance and rejection of substitutes. Of course a man who was drafted but who did not wish to go, could send a substitute. The provost marshal was who could pass the examination and be accepted. I dare say there was some dissatisfaction over the manner in which the new provost dealt with this matter."

"We made a protest to General Frye, by petition, from which we heard nothing. Then a meeting was held to consider what further ought to be done. A number of prominent men met at the Old Sterling House. We invited Governor Buckingham, who met with us. A committee was named to go to Washington and see the president. I was placed upon it. D. F. Hollister was the other member. "Well, we went to the Capitol. The first thing we did was to get the Connecticut delegation together. Senator Lafayette S. Foster, Senator James Dixon, Congressman Augustus B. Hodge, father of Senator Brandegee, and Congressman John H. Hubbard of this district, went before the president with us."

"The president's office was on the second floor of the White House. It was a plainly furnished room. There were some plain chairs and a severely plain desk. "Senator Foster said, 'We've come to take you by storm, Mr. President.' "Mr. Lincoln replied, 'You can do most anything if you apply to me with divided delegations which came to him expressing the divided sentiment of the country at every opportunity.'"

"During the talk which followed, in which we made it plain that we were a united delegation, I remember that he said, 'I have a mule in my pasture. I want to keep a mule in my pasture to turn him into an adjoining field and let him jump the fence.' "Mr. Lincoln listened carefully to what we had to say. Took our statement of the facts as they were embodied in the papers and said, now let me see if I can repeat what you say. "He then went over our statement, missing nothing of importance and stated our grounds of complaint substantially as we had stated them to him."

"This was Mr. Lincoln's way of being sure that he understood what people had to say to him. He was always very careful to be sure that he knew the other fellow's mind. He was patient with everybody, but he had a gentle way of resenting too great aggressions upon his consideration."

"Perhaps you remember the story of the delegation of ministers who sought him to do a certain thing, and said to him, 'Mr. Lincoln, if you refrain from this thing you are defying the will of God.'"

"You remember his reply, 'Gentlemen, if there is anything in the world which is trying to know the will of God and who is trying to do His will, I am that man. God knows that. If God has made up his mind about this thing, I am surprised that he didn't tell me about it instead of telling you.' "But, getting back to our mission in Washington, continued Mr. Smith. "Mr. Lincoln asked if we had any ground of complaint against the conduct of the new provost. Did we say that he was not doing his duty, or that he was committing a mistake? He made no such claim. That our contention was that the office should be held by a man who resided in the district and was familiar with the needs of the district."

"Then, I think," said Mr. Lincoln, "that you ought to say that in the papers which you brought with you, that I should change this officer, that he has not done his duty, which would be unjust to him. I wish you would take the papers with you and have it inserted that you do not complain of the way his duty has been done. Then come and see me again." "This we did, and returned to the president at a later period. But by some oversight the entry had not been made as Mr. Lincoln had suggested. He read over the papers, noted the omission and asked what it was. "We replied that it was an oversight. He pointed out a blank space, and asked us to write it in then and there, which we did. Then Mr. Lincoln endorsed upon the paper, 'Let it be done as herein.' We took that over to the office of the provost general, and as it was an order from above, instead of one from below, we got what we wanted."

Mr. Smith gave a vivid description

of the scene at the second inaugural of Lincoln. It had been raining and the ceremonies had been begun in the Senate chamber. But there was an intermission of the storm, and the assemblage moved to the East porch of the Capitol, where a great concourse had gathered. Mr. Lincoln's speech had been awaited with great anxiety. It came as relief to the entire country, filled as it was with firmness, confidence and a broad spirit of love and charity. Just as the concluding words were being spoken the clouds broke away and a beam of brilliant light shined down and rested upon the President. As if it were a prophecy of peace and good will."

Here was Lincoln in the greatest hour of his earthly glory. Much different was the next scene when Mr. Smith looked upon him. He had been laid low by a bullet in the actor's Booth. His body had been borne in solemn triumph, from city to city, to be greeted as no mortal remains ever were. He was not the thin, pale, and weary man who had been in the day of Washington."

In due course the funeral car reached New York and an immense concourse was laid in state in City Hall. There Mr. Smith took his last view of Lincoln. He said, yesterday, "it seemed to me that the face bore an expression of contentment and peace. I have seen one who had been released from a weary work to a comfortable rest, and there was to be perceived no trace of the sufferings he had endured."

Mr. Smith was postmaster under Lincoln's administration.

SPEAKERS BEFORE BOARD OF TRADE

At the meeting of the Bridgeport Board of Trade last night a communication was received from the Boston Merchants' Association urging the local board to take action towards the preservation of the city's water sheds of the White Mountains, and also urging the members of the board to send letters to their representatives in Congress to see to it that a bill to the Senate, which was received from the Merchants' Association of New York asking the local board to take action towards the preservation of the city's water sheds of the White Mountains, and also urging the members of the board to send letters to their representatives in Congress to see to it that a bill to the Senate, which was received from the Merchants' Association of New York asking the local board to take action towards the preservation of the city's water sheds of the White Mountains, and also urging the members of the board to send letters to their representatives in Congress to see to it that a bill to the Senate, which 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